



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



Tenth grade girls from Goose Creek Memorial, Ross S. Sterling and Robert E. Lee high schools as well as IMPACT Early College High School participated in the "Girls Know STEM" event at Lee College to increase their awareness and interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Girls Know STEM

For the second year, Lee College has collaborated with Goose Creek CISD to provide the "Girls Know STEM" event. Approximately 61 girls in 10th grade, many of whom attended last year's event as 9th graders, participated in sessions on such topics as Digital Technology, Computer Technology and Drafting; Engineering and Physics and Teaching in the Sciences/Math.

"Our joint objective is to increase awareness and interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) related programs, including increased participation in advanced placement courses for nontraditional and underrepresented students," said Travita Godfrey, Goose Creek CISD's college and career coordinator. "This program will seek to motivate these students to pursue postsecondary opportunities in an area that is vital to our community's economic stability, as well as the stability of our nation and state."

Each student received a STEM t-shirt, and Bayer provided industrial tote bags. Employees from areas of industry participated in the panel discussion during lunch, provided by ExxonMobil. The moderator was Daisy Aramburo, Lee College staff member.

Panelists were Jessica Colberg, Shell geologist; Judy Nunez, A & M college of Geosciences; Karina Medina, instrumentation with Chevron Phillips; Michelle Raymer, process engineer with Bayer; Julie Fatula, project engineer with Bayer; Jo Ann Todd, process operator with Bayer and Brittney Irby, instrumentation and electrical technician with Bayer.

Lee College staff members who participated in "Girls Know STEM" were Margene Lenamon and Teresa Landers, Sciences and Teaching; Chuck Ganze, Computer Technology; D. Byal, Tammy Gross and Joseph Queyquep, CADD; Dr. Evan Richards, Engineering and Tom O'Kuma, Physics. Lee College Puente students Cynthia Pizana, Cristina Serrata, Selena Flores, Alma Castilleja and Felicite Herrera also helped facilitate the event. STEM staff included Victoria Marron, Diana Mendieta, Sarah Steinkopf and LeAnn Allison.

"We hope to continue to meet and bring inspired people together in settings like this to ensure that Goose Creek CISD remains at the cutting edge," said Godfrey.

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